

MINUTES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kathe Decker at 9:00 A.M. on March 2, 2006 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Kansas Legislative Research  
Carolyn Rampey, Kansas Legislative Research  
Art Griggs, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Rick Doll, Pres., Louisburg School Board  
Bill Reardon, KCK Public Schools, USD 500  
Jerry Cullen, Supt. Ashland, USD 220  
Mark Desetti, KNEA  
Ken Daniel, Advocate for KS Sm. Business  
Robert Vancrum, Blue Valley USD 229  
Stuart Little, Shawnee Mission USD 512  
Kathy Cook, KS Fam. United for Public  
Sharon Frankenbery, Fam. & Consumer Sci.  
Deb Mock, KS Assoc. For Career & Tech Ed.  
Meta West, Former Teacher

**HB 2986 - concerning school districts; relating to school finance.**

The Chair introduced Rick Doll and John Cleek who appeared together in opposition of **HB 2986**. (Attachment 1).

Bill Reardon spoke to the Committee of his organization's concerns regarding some provisions contained in **HB 2986**. (Attachment 2).

Jerry Cullen offered testimony in support of measures already taken by the Select Committee in their work on **HB 2986**. (Attachment 3).

Mark Desetti offered comments regarding **HB 2986** as well as facts about teacher compensation. (Attachments 4 and 5).

Kenneth Daniel spoke in opposition of **HB 2986**. (Attachment 6). He also offered a full analysis of the new Kansas school cost study. (Attachment 7).

Speaking in opposition to the bill as it stands, Bob Vancrum said that his organization's problem with the bill was their failure to understand how, if the Committee believed that the plan in **HB 2986** will meet the constitutional requirements, why would they not permit unlimited extras if people are willing to fund them. (Attachment 8).

Stuart Little offered the Committee a list of amendments to **HB 2986**, for their consideration. (Attachment 9).

Kathy Cook spoke in opposition to **HB 2986** in it's present form. (Attachment 10).

Sharon Frankenbery spoke to the Committee of the concerns of her organization to **HB 2986**. (Attachment 11).

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Deborah Mock appeared as an opponent of **HB 2986**. (Attachment 12).

Testifying in support of **HB 2986** was Meta West. (Attachment 13).

Copies of an LPA memorandum regarding vocational education program costs were distributed. (Attachment 14).

Written only testimony were handed out from: Michelle McDaniel, (Attachment 15); Nancy McRoberts, (Attachment 16) and Lynette Yevak, (Attachment 17).

A motion was made by Representative De Castro and seconded by Representative Crow to approve the minutes of the meetings of February 14, 15, 22 and 23. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 3, 2006.